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1. IN A COMMENTARY ENTITLED "THREATS TO THE FREEDOM OF ANGOLA" (IZVESTIYA, JULY 23, AND PRAVDA, JULY 24), S. KULIK SHIFTS HIS SIGHTS FROM THE CHINESE (REFTEL) AND AIMS AT "SEPARATISTS" WHO THREATEN THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE AFRICAN COLONY. FOREMOST AMONG THESE, ACCORDIN TO KULIK, IS THE "FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE ENCLAVE OF CABINDA" (FLEC) AND ITS OIL COMPANY SUPPORTERS. KULIK ALSO HITS HARD AT ZAIRE WHICH, ALONG WITH "MONOPOLIES AND INTERNATIONAL MERCENARIES", IS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO FLEC. KULIK INCLUDES

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A FEW SWIPES AT CHINESE SUPPORT FOR THE FNLA, AND HE CLOSES

ON AN UPBEAT, CLAIMING THAT MUCH OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
"EXPOSING THE REAL PERPETRATORS" OF THIS TRAGIC STATE OF
AFFAIRS RESTS WITH THE OAU SESSION IN KAMPALA, WHOSE DUTY IS TO
DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PRESERVE ANGOLA'S PRESENT BORDERS.

2. COMMENT. THE APPEARANCE OF TWO ARTICLES BY KULIK IN ONE
WEEK, BOTH CARRIED BY THE TWO PRINCIPAL NEWSPAPERS, INDICATES
THE SOVIETS CONSIDER THE GAM EIN ANGOLA WELL WORTH THE CANDLE.
THE SOVIETS PROBABLY VIEW THE SITUATION AS AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY
TO ESTABLISH A POLITICAL FOOTHOLD IN SOUTHWEST AFRICA, ESPECIALLY
IF THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY CAN ENSURE THAT THE LEVERS OF
POWER IN ANGOLA ARE TURNED OVER TO THE SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE
MPLA. IT IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY (PERHAPS IN THE APOLLO-SOYUZ
CONTEXT) THAT THE REFERENCE TO AMERICAN MPERIALISM IN THE FIRST
KULIK ARTICLE WAS NOT REPEATED IN THE SECOND.
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